

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 4, 2016. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Chris Schuchard, John Stauter, and Chris Wilen. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, Police Lt. Tim Morgan, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Allen Lee, with the Sterling Band Commission, extended an invitation to the Council and City Manager to join the band for the Winter Pops Concert on Friday, January 15. A table will be reserved. Hors d'oeuvres are served at 6:30 pm, with the concert starting at 7:30 pm. Dessert will be served during break.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A) City Council Minutes of December 21, 2015
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$648,909.53
- C) Partial Pay Request #1 to Twin City Construction for the Sixth/Eighth Avenues Roadway Improvements in the amount of \$141,155.77
- D) Partial Pay Request #2 to Twin City Construction for the Sixth/Eighth Avenues Roadway Improvements in the amount of \$36,213.14

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to appoint Kevin O'Keefe to the Band Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2020; seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee stated that O'Keefe will bring a new musical perspective to the Commission. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Chief Potthoff presented a letter to the Council thanking them for their hard work and dedication in passing the tax levy and utility tax.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to move to "closed session" at 6:37 pm to discuss a property acquisition issue as provided by under 5 ILCS 120/2a; seconded by Alderman Schuchard. Bill Inks reminded the Council that the State is not using any grant funds so if the Council is considering purchasing property, it will be on the backs of the

taxpayers. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene the regular Council meeting at 7:00 pm; seconded by Alderman Conklin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk